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BEGIN SUMMARY. NATO-HAWK BOD VISITED CONUS MAY 20-29 74.
ITINERARY INCLUDED PRIME CONTRACTOR (RAYTHEON) FACILITIES,
US ARMY AIR DEFENSE CENTER (USAA DC) AND WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE
(WSMR) (REFTEL). TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL IN FAMILIARIZING DIRECTORS
WITH DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM AND CONFIRMING WISDOM OF THEIR DECISION
TO JOINTLY IMPROVE THEIR HAWK AIR DEFENSES. MISSION APPRECIATES
EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED WHO PARTICIPATED IN BRIEFINGS AND
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WELCOME FUNCTIONS FOR THE BOD. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO- HAWK BOD VISITED CONUS MAY 20-29 74 AT SUGGESTION OF
RAYTHEON, PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR HAWK EUROPEAN LIMITED IMPROVEMENT

PROGRAM (HILIP). PRIMARY TRIP OBJECTIVE WAS TO FAMILIARIZE BOD WITH THE US PRODUCTION PROGRAM, TRAINING ASPECTS AND MISSILE TEST RANGES. THE BOD VISITED FIRST RAYTHEON FACILITY IN VICINITY OF BOSTON, MA , AND THEN WENT TO WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (WSMR) AND US ARMY AIR DEFENSE CENTER (USAADC), EL PASO, TX. ENTIRE TRIP WAS INFORMATIVE, INTERESTING, AND VERY WELL RECEIVED BY BOD.

2. AT RAYTHEON, EMPHASIS OF THE FIRM ON QUALITY ASSURANCE OF THE IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE. THE DIRECTORS WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY SOME OF THE SPECIFIC ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT ALREADY PROCUCED AGAINST THE HAWK EUROPEAN LIMITED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HELIP) CONTRACT. RAYTHEON NOTED FOR THE BOD THAT THE 658 MILLION DOLLAR HEHIP CONTRACT WAS FIRMS LARGEST SINGLE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT AWARD. FIRM WAS CNADID ABOUT CURRENT IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE PERFORMANCE SHORTCOMINGS(MULTIPLE TARGET ENGAGEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE) AND OUTLINED EXTENSIVE PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUITABLE MODIFICATIONS.

3. IN SPITE OF SHORT NOTICE OF BOD VISIT TO WSMR AND USAADC CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS RESULTED IN AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM FOR THE BOD. HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT TO WSMR INCLUDED A SUCCESSFUL LOT ACCEPTANCE FIRING OF A US IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE AND AN IMPRESSIVE TOUR OF FACILITIES. THE BOD WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE RANGE OPERATIONS AND ACHEDULING COMPLEXITIES DESCRIBED FOR THEM IN THE TOUR OF THE RANGE CONTROL CENTER. A MOST CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED. THE DIRECTORS APPEARED TO BE DISPOSED TOWARD UTILIZATION OF WSMR FOR HELIP LOT ACCEPTANCE FIRING.

4. AT USAADC THE BOD VISITED MCGERGOR RANGE AND TOURED AN EMPLACED IMPROVED HAWK BATTERY. FOLLOWING AN EXCELLENT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MG LEVEN, COMMANDER USAADC, THE BOD RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON IMPROVED HAWK AND TOURED LOW ALTITUDE AIR DEFESNE FACILITIES. LITTON INDUSTRIES GAVE THE BOD A SHORT BRIEFING AND TOUR OF AN EMPLACED AN/TSQ-73 MISSILE MINDER SYSTEM. EVENING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED THE MAYOR OF EL PASO AND OTHER LEADING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THE DIRECTORS WERE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE WARMTH OF THEIR RECEPTION AND THE EXCELLENCE OFEWE ARMY PRESENTATIONS DURING THEIR STAY IN EL PASO.

5. USNATO APPRECIATES THE FORTHCOMING EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE ARMY AND RESPECTIVE CIVILIAN COMMUNITIES TO WELCOME THE NATO-HAWK BOD. IN THE EXPRESSED VIEW OF THE BOD CHAIRMAN, COMMODORE DIETERS, THE TRIP WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, NOT ONLY IN FURTHERING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIRECTORS BUT IN REASSURING THEM THAT THEY HAD MADE JOINTLY A SOUND DECISION IN ELECTING TO PURSUE HELIP. MCAULIFFE

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